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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Official Action dated December 18, 2002 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification:

## At page 1, line 3, please insert the following:

This application claims priority to US Provisional Application, 60/206,143 filed May 22, 2000.

In the claims:

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 (Amended) - A method for enhancing the efficiency of delivery of a nucleic acid to a cell, said method comprising